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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Final Office Action that was mailed on May 28, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

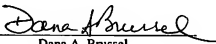
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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